

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: According to the March of Dimes, in the United States, 1 out of every 4 pregnancies ends

in miscarriage and 1 in every 160 pregnancies ends in stillbirth; and

WHEREAS: In Minnesota, in 2010, there were 352 fetal and infant deaths, according to the Minnesota

Center for Health Statistics; and

WHEREAS: Subsequent pregnancies are common within the first year following a loss; and

WHEREAS: After a pregnancy or infant loss, many will experience grief, confusion, anxiety, guilt, and

fear of loss in subsequent pregnancies; and

WHEREAS: Facing the vast array of emotions that often accompany subsequent pregnancies may be

challenging, and validation and support for the mother and her family during this time, is

essential; and

WHEREAS: Knowledge that there are resources available and others to turn to for compassion and

guidance is an important aspect in the journey of healing during subsequent pregnancies;

and

WHEREAS: Education through awareness can promote health during subsequent pregnancies and

help ensure safe and healthy deliveries; and

WHEREAS: Recognition of Pregnancy After a Loss will enable individuals and communities to

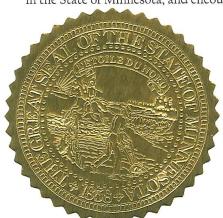
further meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and other members of the family as

they continue to grieve and heal, while embracing the gift of a new life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2012 as:

PREGNANCY AFTER A LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota, and encourage citizens to work together to promote awareness of this issue.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 23rd day of January.

GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE